

The General Session of the meeting is open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that public presentation materials or comments be forwarded at least one week before the meeting to the address listed below: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, TAC Unit/OAS/EA Room 3886C, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on October 10, 1995, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that a series of meetings or portions of meetings of these Committees and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10 (a)(1) and (a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of these Committees is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. For further information or copies of the minutes call Lee Ann Carpenter, 202-482-2583.

Dated: March 5, 1996.

Lee Ann Carpenter,  
Director, Technical Advisory Committee Unit.  
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## International Trade Administration

[A-427-098]

### Anhydrous Sodium Metasilicate From France; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

**SUMMARY:** In response to a request by the petitioner, the PQ Corporation, the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on anhydrous sodium metasilicate (ASM) from France. This review covers Rhone Poulenc Chimie de Base (Rhone Poulenc), a manufacturer/exporter of this

merchandise to the United States, and the period January 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994. The firm failed to submit a response to our questionnaire. As a result, we have preliminarily determined to use facts otherwise available for cash deposit and appraisement purposes.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with each argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 8, 1996.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Ross or Richard Rimlinger, Office of Antidumping Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4733.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On January 12, 1995, the Department published in the Federal Register (60 FR 7995) a notice of "Opportunity to Request an Administrative Review" of the antidumping duty order on ASM from France. On January 18, 1995, the petitioner, PQ Corporation, requested an administrative review of Rhone Poulenc, a manufacturer/exporter of this merchandise to the United States. We initiated the review on February 15, 1995 (60 FR 8629). The Department is now conducting this review in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (the Tariff Act).

##### Scope of the Review

Imports covered by the review are shipments of ASM, a crystallized silicate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SiO}_3$ ) which is alkaline and readily soluble in water. Applications include waste paper de-inking, ore-flotation, bleach stabilization, clay processing, medium or heavy duty cleaning, and compounding into other detergent formulations. This merchandise is classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedules (HTS) item numbers 2839.11.00 and 2839.19.00. The HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

The review covers Rhone Poulenc and the period January 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994 (POR).

##### Use of Facts Otherwise Available

Following the initiation of this review, the Department sent Rhone Poulenc, the only known manufacturer/exporter of this merchandise to the United States, a questionnaire seeking information necessary to conduct a review of any shipments that firm may have made to the United States during the 1994 POR. Rhone Poulenc did not respond to the questionnaire. Because necessary information is not available on the record for the 1994 POR as a result of Rhone Poulenc withholding the requested information, we must make our preliminary determination based on facts otherwise available (section 776(a) of the Tariff Act).

The Department finds that, in not responding to the questionnaire, Rhone Poulenc failed to cooperate by not acting to the best of its ability to comply with a request for information from the Department. Therefore, pursuant to section 776(b) of the Tariff Act, we may, in making our determination, use an adverse inference in selecting from the facts otherwise available. This adverse inference may include reliance on data derived from the petition, a previous determination in an investigation or review, or any other information placed on record. Accordingly, in this case, we preliminarily assign to Rhone Poulenc a margin of 60 percent, the margin calculated in the original investigation using information provided by Rhone Poulenc (see Anhydrous Sodium Metasilicate From France—Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, 45 FR 77498 (Nov. 24, 1980)).

Because the margin selected for this review is based on information obtained in the course of an earlier segment of the proceeding, the Department is required, pursuant to section 776(c) of the Tariff Act, to corroborate this information to the extent practicable. This means that the Department must satisfy itself that the secondary information used has probative value (See Statement of Administrative Action accompanying the Uruguay Round Agreement Act, published in H. Doc. 103-106, 103d Cong., 2d Sess. at 870). In this case, the margin assigned to Rhone Poulenc is credible and relevant because it is based on data from the same producer to which the margin is being applied. This margin is also credible because it is reasonable to believe that, had Rhone Poulenc been selling in the United States at a lower margin of dumping, it would have provided the requested information. Finally, it is necessary to use this information because no other suitable information is available. This is a case-specific determination. Cases

involving other circumstances may require other approaches to corroboration.

#### Preliminary Results of the Review

As a result of our review, we preliminarily determine that a margin of 60 percent exists for Rhone Poulenc for the period January 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994.

Parties to the proceeding may request disclosure within five days of the date of publication of this notice. Any interested party may request a hearing within 10 days of publication. Case briefs and/or written comments from interested parties may be submitted not later than 30 days after the date of publication. Rebuttal briefs and rebuttals to written comments, limited to issues raised in the case briefs and comments, may be filed not later than 37 days after the date of publication. Any hearing, if requested, will be held 44 days after the date of publication, or the first workday thereafter. The Department will publish the final results of the administrative review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such written comments or at a hearing.

Upon completion of this administrative review, the Department will issue appraisement instructions directly to the Customs Service.

Furthermore, the following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of administrative review for all shipments of ASM from France, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for the reviewed company will be that established in the final results of this administrative review; (2) for exporters not covered in this review, but covered in previous reviews or the original less-than-value (LTFV) investigation, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, previous reviews, or the original LTFV investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be that established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will be 60 percent.

Because this proceeding is governed by an antidumping duty order (46 FR 1667, January 7, 1981), the "all others" rate for the purposes of this review will be 60 percent, the "all others" rate established in the final notice of the

LTFV investigation (45 FR 77498, November 24, 1980).

These requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 353.26 to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)) and 19 CFR 353.22.

Dated: February 28, 1996.

Paul L. Joffe,

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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#### [C-301-003, C-301-601]

#### **Roses and Other Cut Flowers from Colombia; Miniature Carnations from Colombia: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews of Suspended Investigations**

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Intent To Terminate Suspended Investigations.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting administrative reviews of the agreements suspending the countervailing duty investigation on roses and other cut flowers (roses) from Colombia and the countervailing duty investigation on miniature carnations (minis) from Colombia. Termination of these two cases has been requested by the Government of Colombia ("GOC") pursuant to 19 CFR 355.25(a)(2) and the procedures specified in 19 CFR 355.25(b)(2), and by certain producers and exporters of subject merchandise pursuant to 19 CFR 355.25(a)(3) and the procedures specified in 19 CFR 355.25(b)(3) in the event the Department denies the GOC's request to terminate. These reviews cover the period of review ("POR") January 1, 1994, through December 31, 1994, and eleven

programs. We preliminarily determine that the GOC and the producers/exporters of roses and minis have complied with the terms of the suspension agreements. We also preliminarily determine that the producers/exporters of subject merchandise have not used any program under review for a period of at least five consecutive years. Additionally, we preliminarily determine that the GOC and producers/exporters of the subject merchandise (respondents) have provided sufficient evidence for the Department to determine that it is likely that producers/exporters of subject merchandise will not in the future apply for or receive any net subsidy on the subject merchandise from those programs the Department has found countervailable in any proceeding involving Colombia or from other countervailable programs. Therefore, we preliminarily determine that respondents have met the requirements for termination of the countervailing duty suspended investigation on roses and other cut flowers and on miniature carnations as outlined in the Commerce Regulations.

We invite interested parties to comment on these results. Parties who submit arguments in this proceeding are requested to submit with any argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 8, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Johnson or Jean Kemp, Office of Agreements Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-3793.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Applicable Statute and Regulations**

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute and to the Department's regulations are in reference to the provisions as they existed on or after January 1, 1995, the effective date of amendments made to the Tariff Act in accordance with the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

##### **Background**

On January 12, 1995, the Department published in the Federal Register (60 FR 2941) a notice of "Opportunity to Request an Administrative Review" for the 1994 review period. On January 31, 1995 the GOC and the Colombian Association of Flower Exporters (Asocolflores) requested administrative reviews of the suspended countervailing duty investigations covering roses and